



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### (U) Los Angeles – LA Valley College Hit by Cyber Attack

(U) Los Angeles Valley College in Valley Glen was the subject of a cyber attack over the winter break but it is not known how large the breach was, officials said yesterday. The attack was described as “malicious cyber activity targeting Los Angeles Valley College,” according to a statement from Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez. “This attack is believed to have taken place over the holidays and we are working closely with local and federal authorities to learn more about its potential impact,” Rodriguez said. Los Angeles Sheriff’s cybercrimes unit was investigating, a Deputy from the Sheriff’s Information Bureau said.

SOURCE: 3 January 2017, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### (U) Michigan – Woman Charged after Threats Made Outside of Mosque

(U) Kentwood – A 33-year-old woman accused of making threats outside a western Michigan mosque has been charged. The Grand Rapids Press reported yesterday that Kari Moss is jailed and expected to be arraigned today on charges of making a false threat of terrorism. Members of the At-Tawheed Islamic Center near Grand Rapids told investigators a woman was outside the mosque's locked doors Monday morning demanding money. The woman indicated that if she didn't get the money "she's going to kill somebody or explode somebody or something."

SOURCE: 3 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

##### (U) New York – Drop in Gang Violence Drove NYC Shootings Below 1000 in 2016

(U) New York City – A steep drop in gang violence last year drove shootings in New York City to the lowest number in at least a quarter-century, Police Department data shows, a result of what police officials say has been a focus on gang takedowns and targeted arrests in some of the city’s roughest neighborhoods. Gang-related shootings fell to 412 in 2016, from 560 the year before, according to the data, which tracked shootings and murders through 28 December of each year. Gang-related killings dropped to 79 in 2016, from 129 in 2015.

SOURCE: 3 January 2017, [The New York Times](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### (U) Germany – Syrian Arrested over Alleged ISIL Attack Plan

(U) Berlin – A Syrian man has been arrested in Germany on suspicion of seeking \$190,000 from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) to buy vehicles that he intended to use for one or several bomb attacks, authorities said Monday. The 38-year-old, who came to Germany in late 2014 as an asylum-seeker, was arrested on Saturday in Saarbruecken, close to the French border. He is accused of collecting money to be used by him or someone else to carry out murder. Prosecutors accuse him of

contacting someone in Syria "who he knew was in a position to obtain IS money for terror financing" last month via the Telegram encrypted communication service.

SOURCE: 2 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Philippines – Rebels Storm Jail Freeing 158 Inmates**

(U) Kidapawan – More than 100 suspected Muslim rebels stormed a jail in the southern Philippines today, allowing 158 inmates to escape in what officials said was the biggest jailbreak in the country. Six of the inmates were killed in firefights with pursuing police and army troops, while eight others have been caught and were being returned to the facility, a senior official said. The heavily armed gunmen emerged from a forest and attacked the North Cotabato District Jail in Kidapawan under the cover of darkness. Kidapawan city in Cotabato Province is about 580 miles southeast of the capital Manila.

SOURCE: 4 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Turkey – Police Detain 20 Suspected ISIL Fighters**

(U) Izmir – Turkish police detained 20 suspected ISIL fighters thought to be of Central Asian and North African origin in the Aegean coastal city of Izmir today, according to a police statement. The suspects were understood to have traveled to Izmir from the central city of Konya, the statement said. Security forces are hunting for a gunman who killed 39 people in an Istanbul nightclub on New Year's Day, an attack claimed by ISIL.

SOURCE: 4 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

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